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Acting Comptroller

18 November 1953

Assistant Comptroller ✓

Comments Concerning Recommendations contained in Auditor-in-Chief's Inspection Report of 6 November 1953

Suggest action along following lines in connection with recommendations in subject memo:

- a. Recommend a meeting between DD/A, DD/P, Auditor-in-Chief and Comptroller to:
  1. Determine if DD/A and DD/P agree in principle with the recommendations made.
  2. Assuming that they do agree in principle with the recommendations -- Determine the specific course of action necessary to implement recommendations.

I suggest that the Comptroller's position be that he agrees in principle with the general recommendations made, except items IV - 5, 6, and 9, but implementation requires joint action by DD/P and Comptroller to put in force and effect. The development of specific procedures affecting operational matters as well as financial controls is required. Items 5 and 6 are for decision of the DD/A and DCI. Item 9 cannot be made effective until other items are implemented, since the personnel and factual information required for such reports does not now exist at field stations.

- b. Comptroller's Office (TAS with assistance of Finance Division) should [redacted] covering both items 8 and 12, clear with DD/P. 25X1A  
[redacted] 25X1A
- c. Finance Division (Monetary) should draft an amendment to [redacted] 25X1A
- d. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 11 are matters requiring joint DD/P and Comptroller action. It is suggested that a Task

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Group, consisting of a representative of Comptroller, O & M, Audit, and DD/P be designated to devote full time to the development of specific procedures covering these points. I believe it is particularly important that the DD/P member of such a Task Group be a person whom the DD/P knows to be "operationally" qualified to represent his office, to insure that the instructions and procedures developed give adequate consideration to security, cover, and operational problems. If the DD/P will appoint an individual to such a Task Group, in whom he has complete confidence and will authorize such individual to concur on behalf of DD/P in instructions developed, then we can issue appropriate regulations covering the above mentioned items. Any attempt to get full concurrence from all the DD/P desks, divisions, staffs, etc. would bog the project down indefinitely, because there are just so many divergent opinions and viewpoints that voluntary concurrence by all elements concerned on any uniform procedure covering these items at this time is not possible.

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